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Dear Editor:

Lou Sheldon is the Anita Bryant/Lyndon LaRouche of the 90's. Demure, grandfatherly, homophobic, AIDS-phobic: Lou Sheldon, headmaster of the Traditional Values Coalition, finally has the money and resources to engage in effective gay-bashing. Shrouded in a self-proclaimed mantle of Godliness, he has gained the ear — and pocketbooks — of every major fundamentalist church in California. His target: homosexuality and AIDS.

Sheldon is making good his word that "AB 101 is the battle line of the decade, if not the century." But AB 101, the bill that would prohibit discrimination against gays and lesbians in employment and housing, is just the rallying cry, the focal point of his attack.

His full agenda is like taking on Anita Bryant, Lyndon LaRouche and John Doolittle — with all their lies, fallacies and bigotries.

We have fought and won major battles. Our strength as a community won us friends in the legislature. Each victory gave us new strength, more room to move. We moved from reactive to proactive. Now our mettle is being tested again. If we fail to respond today in equal or greater measure, the clock will turn back.

In 1978, we beat back Briggs and Anita Bryant and their Prop 6 — designed to prohibit gays from teaching in the schools. Now it's back as AB 1501, designed to censor ALL school presentations on homosexuality.

In 1986, we beat back LaRouche and his quarantine initiatives. Now it's AB 1851, designed to add AIDS as an infectious disease, call on health officers to report and quarantine.

In 1988, we beat back Doolittle's attempts to criminalize HIV-positive status. Now it's SB 982, to criminalize non-disclosure of HIV-positive status.

And on AB 101, Lou Sheldon's fanatics have sent thousands of letters and phone calls to each and every office of the legislature. 300 phone calls a day to the Governor.

And the legislature is waiting for the other shoe to drop...friend and foe alike, waiting to hear from us. So far, virtually every office reports less than 20 letters or calls in support...

or 10... or 3... or none. Today, now, our credibility as a community has been challenged.

We, as a community, must be heard now in Sacramento. If you can't write your Assembly member and Senator, call them. If you can't call them, write them. Do you know who they are??? Call the County Registrar's Office — call the nearest legislative office; they can tell you. Who should we target for AB 101? Every single legislator. Liberal, conservative, friend, foe...and the Governor, too. The referendum on AB 101 — the referendum on our community — is now.

Laurie McBride

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This year, West Hollywood's Fabulous Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade will be telecast live across the country, via satellite. The broadcast is being offered absolutely free of charge to cable outlets in all areas.

Despite an intensified mail and phone campaign to the cable stations, response has been disappointing at best. We don't know if this is because their program directors don't know about the parade (they should — it is the biggest Gay & Lesbian Pride Parade in the world) or if it is homophobia, which certainly is stirring strong these days.

Whichever is the case, we believe a flood of phone calls from the Gay and Lesbian organizations and individuals can turn the tide to make certain the parade is shown in your area.

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Franklin Kakies

Dear Editor:

The May 10 - May 23, 1991 edition of Phoenix Resource shows a photo of a men's chorale group identified as the Grand Canyon Men's Chorale. Interestingly, in the May 1991 edition of Patlar Newsmagazine, this same photo is shown and the group is identified as New York City's Gay Men's Chorus.

The obvious question is, which group is it?

Thank you,

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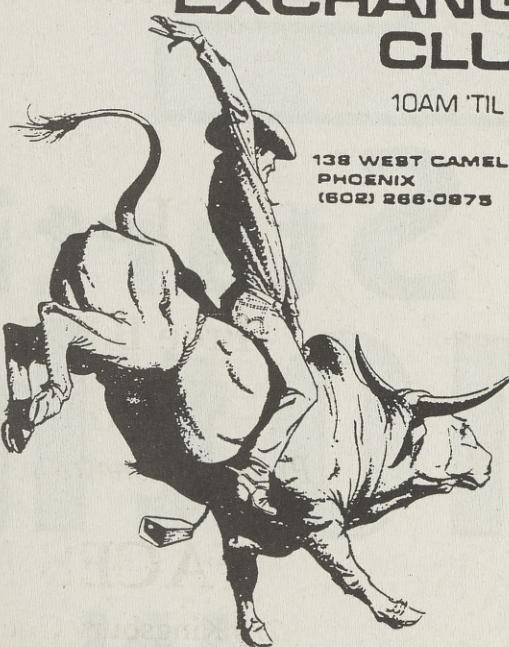
Editor's Response:

The photo of the New York City Gay Men's Chorus which we ran was provided to us with a press release sent out by NY-CGMC and dated March 18, 1991.

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I'm writing this as I fly home from a week's vacation in New Orleans (with side trips to Mobile and Pensacola). This trip has put me in a terrific frame of mind to consider the many joys of lesbian and gay life, culture, and community, which is a root theme of our lesbian and gay pride celebrations this month.

Now, as a middle-class California-native white male, it has been comparatively easy for me to conclude that "the closet" is often a lazy convenience and that fundamentalists are barely tolerated clowns operating on the fringe of politics and society. Yet traveling through Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, it seemed that three people standing together for more than a minute made a new baptist church! Many of these churches had "cheery" message boards out front urging women to repent of their uppity ways or advising passing motorists that while we might think of ourselves as happy, we were actually vile and degraded sinners living contrary to the Will of God (THAT one gave me the creeps!). For anyone to be out of the closet to any degree in such a place seems to me to be an incredible achievement. It saddens and angers me that for many lesbian and gay men in this milieu the alternatives appear to be either the closet or flight to SF or New York (or, tragically, self-destruction).

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Yet even with this much social, political, and spiritual oppression, I saw much to celebrate:

I met a gay couple happily anticipating the adoption of their first child. Just think about that — how easy is that even in California or New York? There's a love and courage to be proud of.

I met a Denver native recently relocated to New Orleans who was active in one of the gay Krewes which are central to the Mardi Gras celebration and which form a major social cohering force in the community.

I found a bar/business community that was diverse, lively, and mutually supportive (with almost as many Rainbow flags flying as in the Castro!). From The Mint, where PATLAR is distributed in New Orleans, to the Rawhide, Jewel's, The Friendly, The Nelly Deli, and several others, the bars and businesses I visited were friendly, festive, and informative.

I saw a community responding to the needs of PWA's in the face of outright neglect and hostility from political and spiritual leaders. For instance, throughout the Vieux Carre are plastic coin receptacles for "Buzzy's Kids". Buzzy, I was told, is a fellow somewhere in his 70s who's donated vitally needed funds to help insure adequate food, housing, and care for PWAs who need them.

Now, does all this mean that New Orleans is perfect and I've signed on as a tour promoter for their Gay and Lesbian Business Association? Not quite. There is still a great deal of work for our community there, and throughout America, to do. Many direct and constructive actions, such as the new March on Washington, are still necessary before we can truly feel secure throughout this nation, taking pride in the knowledge that our lives are valued, our relationships are honored, and our rights are protected. But my happiest moments in New Orleans were ones where that time seemed already at hand. So, perhaps the greatest strength we can draw from our marches and celebrations this month are just those moments when the future we deserve seems to dance joyously in front of us, and we can say to ourselves, this is how it shall be. ♦

Ralph Walker



...and There is More!

For one who has passed the biblical "three-score-and-ten" taking any kind of a look at what has been accomplished by the lesbian and gay community simply cannot be limited to the past few years; the changes over the years since my birth in 1919 are earth-shaking. It is clear that we have been undergoing an ever-growing flood-tide of change — of new possibilities and new opportunities. That is evident in the level of material wealth and possibilities; there has indeed been an industrial and cultural revolution. It is a totally different world than the one into which I was born. It is a richer world; it is a freer world; it is an increasingly complex world. The opportunities that are open to people — and not just gay and lesbian people — are manifold. It seems to have become increasingly possible — yes, even easy — to become rich beyond the wildest dreams of my childhood. We are, it seems, almost buried in opulence! The "American Dream" is in full flower! AND, those ever more widely available opportunities are increasingly available to all of us, including gays, people of color, ethnic minorities. Yes! We do seem to have achieved "the good life."

Or, have we? Despite the cheery proclamations issuing regularly from the highest circles in the capitol, the numbers of unemployed are increasing; large corporations are falling on hard times; the number of people living in the streets exceeds any previous time since the great depression of the thirties. And while great strides are indeed being made in the area of gay rights — possibilities absolutely beyond my wildest hopes for recognition and status as a gay man, and an openly gay one! — there is, at the same time, a rising tide of violence against gay people, increasing censorship, openly expressed hostility in various quarters, loud and vocal condemnation by bigots and by

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Mel Dahl



In My Opinion

It's June. That means it's party time. The High and Holy Week of Gay Pride is once again upon us, when we celebrate who and what we are.

Not long ago, I had lunch with the publisher of one of our better known periodicals, and the conversation turned to the question of what has been our movement's greatest accomplishment. We both agreed that it has been changing the public's perception of who we are.

In the early part of this century, a small group of gay people in Chicago met in someone's home for the purpose of forming a gay rights organization. They met in utmost secrecy, with the doors locked and the blinds pulled. Somehow the police managed to find out about them anyway, their second meeting was raided, and they were all given lengthy prison terms. (Silly them, to think the First Amendment would protect their right to meet and discuss.) The gay movement was not heard from again for over thirty years.

The two age groups that actually birthed the modern gay rights movement were the Daughters of Bilitis and the Mattachine Society, both formed in the years following World War II. They enjoyed some measure of success. It was considered a major coup when, in 1961, Illinois became the first state to repeal its sodomy statute. Just think, in one state — one whole state! — it was now legal to be yourself.

But what was curious about the gay rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s was the unwillingness of those associated with it to publicly identify themselves. The leadership of the gay rights movement, in that era, talked to the press with bags over their heads and with mechanical voice scramblers so nobody would know who they were. This was because the public climate was still so very hostile that to *Continued Next Page*

be publicly labeled as one of "those" would certainly be the end of one's career, as well as endanger one's physical safety.

It is now 1991, and gay rights activists no longer wear bags over their heads or talk to the press through mechanical voice scramblers. (Can you image the leadership of ACT UP and Queer Nation demanding anonymity?) Yea, verily, today we are invited to the White House to see legislation which benefits us signed into law. We are invited to the FBI's headquarters — an institution which actively harassed gay people under the leadership of that famous closet case, J. Edgar Hoover — to be thanked for our assistance in gathering information about hate crimes. We see gay rights legislation passed in state after state and city after city. We see candidates for public office —

local, state and national — actively courting us. What has made the difference?

In large part, the difference comes from a change in public perception. We are fundamentally the same people we were sixty years ago; it is the way others think about us that has changed. Thirty years ago, the average American had no idea who or what gay people were, but whatever it was, it must be sinister. Whatever they are up to, it must be no good.

Today, most people know somebody who is gay. Homosexuality has ceased to be sinister in the minds of many people because the generation now living, unlike any generation before it, has had so much exposure to the concept.

The story of the gay movement's ability to change, in one generation, public attitudes about homosexuality from uncompromising hostility to almost-but-not-quite live and let live is a truly spectacular success story.

A large part of this is how we think about ourselves. I have no data to back me up, but my bet would be that sixty years ago, most gay people probably did think of themselves as perverts. When society told them they were sick, they listened and believed what they were told.

Today, there are still a lot of self-hating closeted homosexuals. Their numbers, thank the goddess, are steadily shrinking. By now, the lion's share of us realize that society's ill feelings toward us are nothing but society being silly, and we pay no attention.

When people feel good about themselves, it is easier for other people to feel good about them. Today, when we march down the street, it isn't with bags over our heads. Today, we march to celebrate life: our own life as a community, and the joy of life that comes from belonging to such a community. The love that once dared not speak its name has blossomed into happy celebration.

We have had many accomplishments over the last generation, with many more yet to come. But the greatest accomplishment by far is changing our perceptions of ourselves, and in so doing, changing the way the world looks at us. ♦

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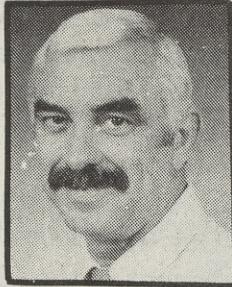
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supposedly loving "Christian" people. These might indeed be seen as Dickens saw the times in A Tale of Two Cities, "The best of times and the worst of times." Culturally, we are at or are approaching a crisis point.

What does this mean for us? What does it mean for me, growing older, and in some ways, less able to "do combat" against this seeming tide of reaction? What am I to do? What are you, even younger and more vigorous than I, to do?

Some seem to feel it's best to go back into their closets and slam the door even tighter than before, and indeed many have. Some chose to become more active and involved; groups like ACT UP include many of these. But what am I to do? What shall I do?

I shall stand fast in my conviction that my being gay is a special gift of the Gods, not a curse nor an abomination. I shall continue to "work on myself" as I have in the past. I shall clearly affirm my self-pride and my pride in gay people as a whole whenever any occasion calls for that. AND, most important of all, I shall increasingly and more totally become myself. I mean, I shall move toward increasing

realization of my Selfhood.

Is this position "politically correct?" I question that it is. Is it one which I can embrace, wholeheartedly and continue to live my life by? It is, and it has been.

But there is one thing more, and I quote a familiar line of Matthew Arnold's: "Ah, love, let us be true to one another." That, it seems to me, should be the watchword for all of us, in the best and the worst of times. If we can at least put our certainty and our commitment in that, then we will not only prevail but come through complete and whole.

[Ralph is founder of The Loving Brotherhood and originator of the ALL NEW YOU Experience. He welcomes your comments or questions at P.O. Box 556P, Sussex, NJ 07461 or (201) 875-4710].

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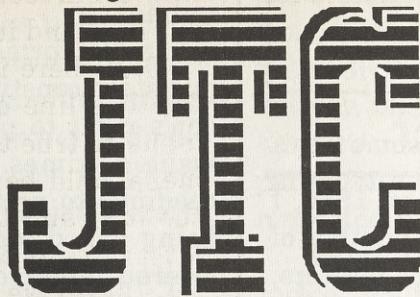
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I have found that some people have a "who cares" attitude toward what others think of their lifestyle, having been out of the closet for a number of years, working and living in a favorable environment to their particular lifestyle.

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In California, we have a provision right in our state constitution that guarantees the citizen's right to privacy. I have raised that very issue at times in depositions and court proceedings to prevent particular questions from being asked (or better stated, from being answered under oath) as being invasive of this constitutional right.

I can't recall a situation when a client's sexual preference was relevant in any manner whatsoever to a legal issue at hand that I've dealt with — and that includes adoption of kids as a single parent. When such questions have been poised, they generally are asked for harassment value more than anything else.

I have come to the conclusion that there are some people that just want a low profile throughout life in everything, not just lifestyle preference. They don't want to be television/movie stars, they don't want to be up on stage or singled out in a large crowd, they just want to be left alone.

Shouldn't such a person have that right? If you want to be left alone and have certain matters about your lifestyle kept private, isn't that your right? Of course it is. And the individual's wishes should be respected. Your neighbors don't pay your bills, so why should they dictate how you will live? Who your friends will be? What career you pursue? What hours you keep? Etc., etc.

The point is this. I am completely supportive of those in the community that want to come out and will do whatever I can to help such people make a comfortable transition. Likewise, those that confide in me that they are indeed gay and absolutely do not want to come out or have this made known, those wishes will be respected, too, without me passing judgment over either situation.

Those who would say "come out or we'll reveal to the world that you're gay" are, in my view, nothing more than blackmailers and/or extortionists. What is the difference between someone who has kidnapped children or stolen diamonds and demanded cash ransom, and an individual who threatens to "out" someone un-

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less they come out themselves? I don't see any difference, I don't condone it and I believe that when one's privacy is invaded without his or her consent, then it could give rise to legal action. If by involuntarily outing someone, a family is lost or alienated, a good paying career and a home are lost, these are provable damages that can and should be payable by those that caused the damage, which is completely irreparable (translated "expensive").

And for what...to prove something? To make a statement? I am of the belief that we all have that power over our own situation but that authority does not exist as regards other people.

Would I encourage seminars to help people deal with coming out situations? You bet. Counseling, interaction with others having similar concerns and dialog with those who have indeed come out, in my view are the right

ways to deal with such situations.

Would I also encourage someone to stay in the closet if that's where they wanted to be? Yes, I would. It's an individual decision that the individual, not the associates/friends/well wishers will have to live with from now on. I have counseled such people in the past, prepared joint property agreements for them and respected their decision requesting privacy.

This country was based on freedom of choice. It's the individual's sole right and prerogative whether to come out or be left alone. Agree or disagree, I believe we should all respect the individual's decision, whatever it may be.

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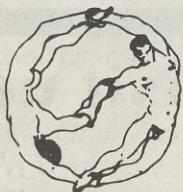


Yours Truly in a Swamp

It is easy to conjure a mental image of Andrei Codrescu from his familiar voice. After all, he is heard regularly on National Public Radio's afternoon news magazine, "All Things Considered," sounding half like Boris, the spy on the Bullwinkle Show, and half like the voice of reason in an age gone mad.

Codrescu is also a poet who teaches at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge where he edits the highly regarded journal,

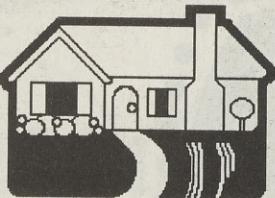
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The Exquisite Corps. He lives in an elegant neighborhood in Uptown New Orleans with his wife and two sons. I asked if he would discuss a same-sex affair he had when living in San Francisco twenty years ago. He answered, "Of course," his Eastern European accent reverberating the candor for which his writing and commentary is famous.

"My house in San Francisco was in the Castro. I was there in the 1970s before the gay scene hit with such force. As the whole gay scene arrived, I began to feel sexually obsolete. I was married and always thought of myself as straight. I had a friend with the street theater 'Angels of Light' who was gay and we both certainly knew it. I didn't think it was my scene at all but I found myself attracted to him. So for a little while there, we were lovers. I did experience that, so I didn't feel I was not living in my time."

Remember, Codrescu is, indeed, a poet and poets are seekers of truth and experience.

I asked if he considered himself still to be straight. "I would say so. This was an affair, nothing more; I was married and he had a boyfriend."

Did you keep it a secret? "No, I told everybody as soon as it happened." Did your colleagues react negatively? "No, there was no reaction at all, not then in California or now in Louisiana. As you know, there are openly gay people inside the ivory towers of academia, now and always. Something of an atmosphere of not having public reactions to such things exists there. Privately, well that's another matter and how would I know anyway?"

"As for my NPR commentaries, I believe, somewhere, I have used the subject on the air—I use everything—making it even more public and no one has said anything. There are things like that all over my poems as well. I have a number of poems where I speak of making love to men and women. It is part of life and I write about living."

It would, of course, be the ultimate stupidity to censure a poet.

"Except that now days, when everybody is perfectly paranoid and ready to make the new battles of The Right, it might make some difference, but not much."

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Don't you think to be open is safer anyway? That the act of hiding, itself, invites censure?

"Yes, in general and particularly with someone who is gay and who is in the closet. I'll tell you one thing, I have always been sympathetic to gay writers and gay poets and have published in *Exquisite Corps* gay writers who are probably even too gay for gay publications."

Can you be specific? "Sure, Stan Leventhal, he is a wonderful writer from New York. And I have just invited David Trinidad to be our featured poet for the Spring 'Gathering of Poets' at LSU.

"I just like certain gay writers and what it is about poetry is that some of the major poets of our century have been gay, like Frank O'Hara, one of the truly great poets—that, of course, is the school of poetry I come from. Also, there is Edwin Denby, whom I knew in New York. I publish quite often in *Exquisite Corps*, Jack Anderson, who is the dance critic for the *New York Times* and who is also a poet, fewer people know that.

"What I am trying to say here, is that I have always made my sympathies so loud and clear that I suppose some people probably thought I was gay because I am partial to much work written from a gay perspective. Thus, my having said I slept with a man surely was small revelation to my would-be critics."

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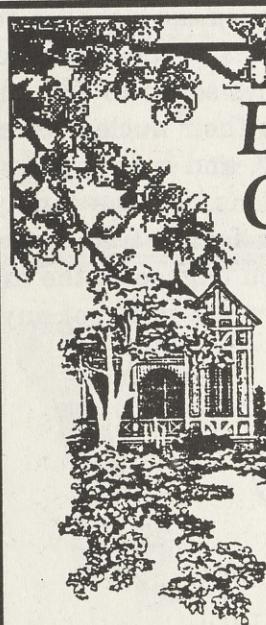
Statistics say that one out of every ten Americans are homosexual. This can give the typical family tree some real character. When parents learn of their familial homosexuality, they become fearful. They worry about their sacred family tree. Like marriage and gardening, procreation is an expected part of each middle class American family. For some reason, if the family tree does not fork and spread, the homosexual son or daughter is usually held solely responsible.

The American family tree may, however, be a bit more varied. Some family trees begun by two heterosexuals do not characteristically produce generation after generation. Some of these trees may even very well stagnate. Here is an example of a heterosexual family tree

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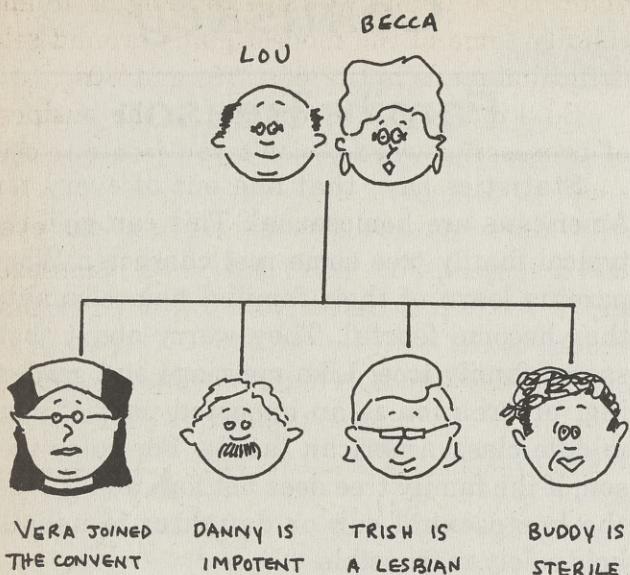


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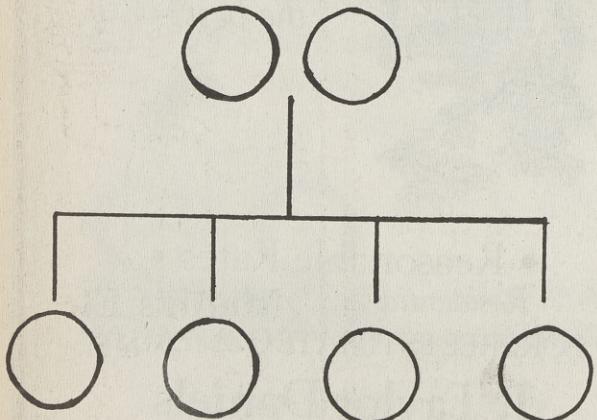
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doomed to stagnate:



A homosexual family tree is a bit more predictable. A standard gay family commonly consists of a gay man, his lover, a food processor, and a couple of cats. The typical lesbian family, on the other hand, simply includes a lesbian, her lover, a VCR, and a variety of mammals.

Some homosexual couples may choose to extend the formal boundaries of their nuclear family. Many of these couples select to add additional family members to their nuclear core. A neighbor's pet, a fag hag, and a drag queen are always popular additions. On the family tree below fill in your own family tree. Draw extra lines and circles if you engage in the extended family plan. Be sure not to forget anyone! ♦



Tim Campbell

Don't Call me A Homosexual

In the '60s and early '70s, there was a great deal of discussion about what to call ourselves. Basically, two words contended for usage: gay and homosexual. Most writers and activists associated with the emerging gay rights movement (as opposed to associated with the mainstream institutions and the non-gay press) rather quickly agreed that gay was the word we had chosen for ourselves, hence the noun of preference. Admittedly, we were not a very large or high tech corps of writers and politicos back then, but we worked hard nonetheless to communicate with each other.

We noted that almost no one ever talked about "homosexual bars" except people who had never been to one. This was clear in subgroup usage since the '50s or '60s.

Soon after Stonewall, lesbian feminists argued that the word gay conjured up a male image and a significant number of writers and publishers began alternating gay and lesbian with lesbian and gay, and that became more or less standard through the '80s.

During the '70s and '80s, many activists invested considerable energy in convincing the mainstream press to abandon the word homosexual in favor of the words gay and lesbian. In general, we proposed to the press style sheet guidelines something like this: "Please adopt the words gay and lesbian as the nouns of preference for members of our community. At the same time, please move to eliminate the word homosexual particularly when it is used as a noun, i.e., to take the place of a person." In general we suggested that the press might correctly use "homosexual" in two instances: 1.) within a direct quote (Example: Sigmund Freud wrote to the woman "Do not be alarmed. Your son is homosexual." or 2.) as an adjective describing same sex behavior. (Example: "This film depicts male, homosexual rape.")

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We pointed out to the press that the word homosexual, in addition to lacking favor with leaders in the movement, had certain inherent drawbacks, particularly forcing attention to our sexual behavior and fueling the idea that gayness is a very limited and private aspect of a person's being.

Perhaps more importantly, many of us suspected that the label "homosexual" pushed gay men in particular in the direction of sexual addiction.

We also pointed out to them that it is very difficult to be a non-sexual homosexual, a pre-sexual adolescent homosexual and the like. The word homosexual defines a person by sexual behavior whereas gayness does not necessarily include sexual behavior. We noted that we all knew countless gay and lesbian priests and nuns, many of whom were not being sexual with anyone.

Finally, we pointed out the absurdity of the use of the noun homosexual in some situations involving same-gender sex, like so called "homosexual rape" where both the rapist and the victim claim to be heterosexual. It is clear that not even the scientists consistently call everyone who engages in same gender sex a homosexual.

Along side these decisions about usage within the movement, there always lingered persons of a certain sexual persuasion who continued to call themselves homosexuals or who resisted the labeling process entirely, both in writing and in their personal lives.

Activists observed that these persons were here for the party but not for the fight. Many of us occasionally used gay and lesbian for self-accepting members of the community and homosexual for those still in the closet when we were deliberately needing to contrast these two groups of gays, but we generally refrained from this tackiness in other contexts.

The most resistant to abandoning the word homosexual were usually those gay and lesbian academicians and professionals who spent more time studying homosexuality than practicing it. They wanted to make a buck off us without necessarily marching in our parades. A lot of gay and lesbian psychiatric workers and social workers and a lot of gay journalists fell squarely in this group.

At the GLC Voice, we have decided it's time to monitor the word homosexual with special vigor. By so doing, we hope to hang on to and solidify some of the modest gains around self-definition made in the '60s, '70s and '80s.

So, kind reader, if you are in the business of processing words, won't you join our crusade?

Call me gay, call me lesbian, you can even call me queer. Just don't call me "a homosexual," please and thank you. I don't get that much ass.

Tim Campbell is publisher and editor of GLC Voice Newspaper, Minneapolis. ▼

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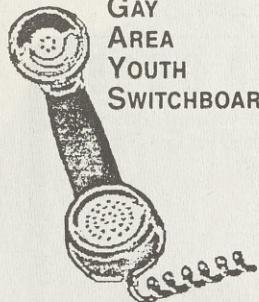
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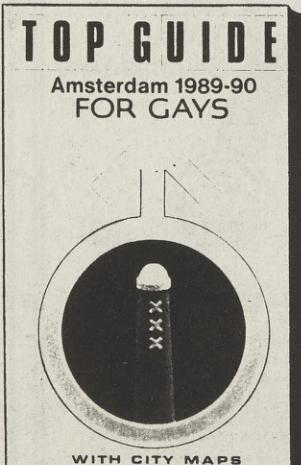
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The thing is, Frankie, we love you. And we don't want you to die. Look, I know this sounds selfish. And I know you're the one who's going through the side effects of the AZT. And I know you're the one who has to fall asleep with the fear and wake up with the fear and go through the small things we all have to do everyday with the fear. Sure, it's a bitch. And it's a lot easier to say, 'the hell with it.' But please don't, Frankie. Please don't give up.

You see, Frankie, the rest of us, we need you to be on the other end of the phone when it rings. And we need you to light up the room with your smile. They said on the news today that fifty million persons will be infected with the AIDS virus by the year 2000. But they don't understand. This disease isn't about fifty million people. It's about one.

This is about the loss of a lover. Or a brother. Or a friend. This is about each of us who have felt the light go out of our lives. This is about each of us who will never again laugh quite as loudly. This is about each of us who will never again fall asleep without remembering.

But, Frankie, there are millions of us. And with each day our numbers are growing. And each of us are starting to stand with you to defeat the ignorant legislators, and drown out the phony religions of hate and take on the insurance companies who drop your coverage. There was a time when we told you the day would come when all of us in the gay community would fight back. I think the day is here, Frankie. The day when we will no longer allow neighborhood bigots to deny you housing. The day when we will no longer patronize businesses that deny you entrance. Finally, the day when we will no longer sit by and allow our ignorant relatives to voice opinions that are helping to let you die.

So, come on, Frankie. Keep fighting. Keep taking the medication no matter how much of a drag it is. If you don't want to do it for yourself anymore, then do it for us. Because the quality of our lifespans is based on yours. And we no longer think in terms of years, either. We'll be grateful for whatever you can give us, Frankie. For the months or weeks that you make better just by being with us. So come on, Frankie. We need your attitude. We need your

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light. We need you. And I promise you, Frankie. If you just keep going, just keep believing, the rest of us will keep fighting. We'll keep fighting to get you the medication you need, and the financial support, and the absolutely up-to-date medical advancements that has been your right from the very first diagnosed case.

We'll be your voice, Frankie, when you get too hoarse to ask for dignity. And we'll be your hands, Frankie, when you get too tired to reach out. And finally, when the time comes, if the time comes, we'll be your eulogy. And as long as we breathe, the world will never forget that you were once among us, and because you were, life was somehow better, somehow finer. But let's not talk of death. Because death belongs to yesterday. And to darkness.

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Traveling with an Immune Deficiency

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by K. Orton Williams

Ah yes, mosquitoes! While parts of the world continue to make strides in the control of mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases, others do not. It is possible (though unlikely) to contract malaria even in tourist resort developments on the Pacific or gulf coasts of Mexico.

The Caribbean is comparatively malaria-free but vast tracts of South America, Africa and Asia are not. And malaria is just one of the numerous protozoan diseases and viral fevers transmitted by insects.

Apart from the chance of disease, mosquitoes are an infernal nuisance. Remember to buy insect repellent before you leave the U.S.; it is not available everywhere. Also a spray can of insecticides; their odor is pervasive and unpleasant, the vapor is unhealthy and compounds in the aerosol don't help the ozone layer, but sometimes they are simply the lesser of two evils.

If you must use insecticide, shut all doors and windows tightly before nuking the room, then rush out to dinner or sightseeing for a couple of hours. Be prepared to sweep up a pile of dead cockroaches before you get to bed.

In many countries, mosquito coils are readily available. Despite the name, these are not old-fashioned contraceptives that you fit on the insects to eliminate future generations; they are spirals of a pyrethrum compound (ecologically correct!) which you put in your room and light, rather like a coiled incense stick.

Nets worked in Korea and Vietnam, and they still work; I have been sung to sleep by a

high-pitched chorus of frustrated, blood-crazed Anopheles on several occasions, but I won't labor the point. If you intend to visit a mosquito-infested area for any length of time, particularly if you are camping or staying in buildings that are not insect-proof, you should investigate.

Other Fauna and Flora

Despite the destruction of Earth's natural environments, snakes, scorpions, spiders, wasps, centipedes, sharks, carnivorous mammals, jellyfish, cone shells and crocodiles still exist outside museums and are equal opportunity diners if provoked — in other words, just as likely to attack an immunocompromised person as any other who stumbles into their territory. Swimming in unspoiled, deserted Pacific beaches is great until you actually do see sharks. And if you really must swim in the Amazon, beware the candiru! This needle-thin fish of the genus *Vandellia* has sharp teeth, an appetite for blood and a penchant for taking up residence in the penises of swimmers (just thought I'd share that with you). Ask locally about animals and plants to avoid.

Stray dogs are a common nuisance in third world countries and may have rabies. Animal rights notwithstanding, act first — to the point of kicking out if necessary; it is usually effective. On my first day in New York after a year in several developing countries, I snarled at or booted half a dozen poodles on Fifth Avenue — a wonder I wasn't sued!

Climate and Geography

Travel, sudden temperature changes, high altitudes, exotic foods, upset schedules, and over-ambitious sightseeing programs all drain energy and can wear you out rapidly. Even if it sounds self-evident, get more rest than normal, eat well and don't push yourself. Plan your itinerary carefully. Don't attempt long hauls by road, bus or train; allow ample time to get from A to B without overtaxing yourself. Bad roads, mountains, forests and other geographical barriers can add many hours to a journey that might look simple on a map.

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Consider the season of your visit and accessibility of your destination; even if off-season air fares are incredibly low, do you really want to see Rangoon say, in a monsoon? Keep a record of where you went, especially when traveling in the tropics; this can aid diagnosis if you do come down with something later. Before you travel, check sources such as guide books, travel agents, the embassy or consulate of the country you will be visiting, about specific local health risks. It may then be worthwhile speaking to your physician about inoculations. Important: If at all possible, travel with a companion. All this may sound tedious and excessive but doesn't usually take more than a few hours and does pay off.

Sun

Do you remember those perfect vacations of days gone by? When every year you flew off to the coast (preferably a tropical coast) and within half an hour of arrival, were slapped on a white sand beach, basting yourself with oil and cooking slowly under the sun. While HIV-negative individuals might still indulge themselves this way (although over-exposure to ultra-violet rays can cause not only nasty sunburn, but skin problems and serious cancer as well), you should not. Intense sun causes physiological changes that effectively reduce the body's immunity.

Drugs and Politics

Loose drugs in a car are not a good idea; even a splendid pharmacy label from Walgreen's or the University of California may

not act as a deterrent to curious inquiries at narcotics, military or police checkpoints. Put all current medications and anything you think you are likely to need in one container; something that looks like a first-aid kit is ideal, especially if it has a red cross on it. And don't forget to take a few simple remedies like Band Aids and a bottle of antiseptic — peroxide or betadine.

Although drugs brought at a local pharmacy may work, they are often as potent as prescription drugs here and may have undesirable side effects. Preferably, avoid them altogether. And certainly avoid all recreational drugs.

I also wouldn't suggest bringing political propaganda (the Bible and "Das Kapital" included) or guns.

Never become short-tempered or angry with police or the military; they can make your life far more unpleasant than you can make theirs. Playing the tourist always helps.

At the time of writing, the following countries restrict entry of people with HIV: Belgium, Bulgaria, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, India, Japan, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Soviet Union, Thailand, and the United Arab Emirates. Iraq and Kuwait are also on the list but... The U.S. recently dropped its restrictions on foreign seropositive travelers.

Two friends who have traveled with chest catheters and portable infusion pumps, suggest the following: Ask the air crew to put bags of medication on ice (if required) for the duration of the flight; make sure that there is a refrigerator available at your destination and double, double check to see that you have all your necessary paraphernalia (tagaderm, heparin, syringes, etc.). Under these circumstances, short stays abroad are no major problem (if you don't mind looking like a medical sales rep. when you travel), but staying away for any length of time involves having Federal Express or some other company fly medication to you, which requires meticulous prior organization and someone back home to oversee things. Hopefully, medieval medical procedures like chest catheters are already being superseded by the advent of new, orally administered drugs such as fluconazole. ▀

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At the meeting, the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists (AGLP) presented an award to Goodman and the Parents FLAG Federation during the annual AGLP Awards Banquet. Following the Banquet, Goodman met AGLP members in their Hospitality Suite.

While in New Orleans, Goodman and her husband, Leon, also met with members of the New Orleans Chapter of Parents FLAG and the gay and lesbian community at a champagne reception, and at a Mother's Day Brunch. Proceeds from the reception will establish a fund for scholarship awards to gay and lesbian young people and for educational outreach to combat homophobia and to help prevent the high rate of suicide among lesbian and gay teenagers.

Readers who wish to receive a packet of information about Parents FLAG may do so by sending \$3 to the Office of Family and Chapter Support, Post Office Box 27605, Washington, D.C., 20038.▼

Stan Hadden Honored by Legislators, AIDS Foundation

Stan Hadden, national and statewide leader in civil rights and AIDS issues, was honored recently at a Sacramento reception sponsored by members of the Legislature and the Sacramento AIDS Foundation.

Hadden is special advisor to Senate President Pro Tempore David Roberti (D-Hollywood/Burbank), who was master of ceremonies at the reception.

Roberti said, "Stan Hadden is admired for his dedication and effectiveness in working on some of our most serious health and human issues.

"In his quiet and dignified way, he has emerged as one of this nation's most respected

leaders of human rights and public health."

Those joining Roberti in brief tributes to Hadden included Assemblyman Lloyd Connelly (D-Sacramento); Gus Guichard, president of the AIDS Foundation; West Hollywood Mayor John Heilman; Mona Mansfield of United Way; Chauncey Veatch, former director of the State Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs; Mary Irwin, chair of the University of California-Davis Medical Center Community Advisory Committee; Lynn Shepodd, executive director of the National Coming Out Day, and Laurie McBride, executive director of LIFE Lobby.

Hadden has been a consultant to Roberti since 1981. He is a member of the State Department of Education AIDS Advisory Committee and State Department of Mental Health AIDS Advisory Committee. He is a former member of the California AIDS Leadership Committee.▼

Gay Black Republican Announces at Large Boston City Council Bid

In the historic African Meeting House on Boston's Beacon Hill, 28-year-old Boston businessman, Abner Mason, a Black, gay Republican, recently announced his candidacy for an at-large seat on the Boston City Council. If elected, Mason would be the first openly gay, black candidate to hold city-wide office in a major American city.

A Harvard College graduate and the owner of two small businesses, Mason is actively involved in a number of community organizations. He serves on the boards of the national and local chapters of Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly, an organization devoted to assisting the aged. He is also on the boards of the Black Business Round Table and the Massachusetts Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights and has accepted an invitation to serve on the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination Advisory Committee. Mason is a member of the Log Cabin Club of Massachusetts, a gay Republican organization, the Massachusetts Lesbian and Gay Political Caucus, and the Greater Boston Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance.▼

Northwest Gay/Lesbian Sports Festival Adds 2nd Premiere Event

The 1991 Northwest Gay/Lesbian Sports Festival has added rugby as a first time Sports Festival event, joining the Festival premiere of track and field and replacing martial arts. The 15-event Festival also offers Gay/Lesbian competition in rowing for the first time anywhere with a regatta on Lake Washington.

Nearly 2,000 athletes are expected in Seattle during the July 4th holiday weekend to participate in the Sports Festival, making it twice as large as previous Sports Festivals. Two of the 15 sports offered, running and softball, are expected to attract a combined 1,000 athletes.

For more information on the 1991 Northwest Gay/Lesbian Sports Festival, call Team Seattle at (206) 325-9338, or write to 1202 E. Pike St. #515, Seattle, WA 98122. ▼

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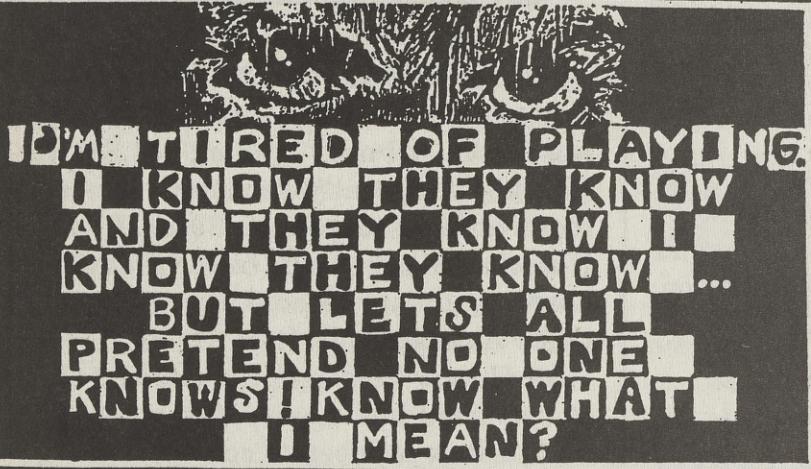
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The highlight for this summer, I am sure, will be Sacramento's float entry in the San Francisco Gay Parade. One key reason is that everyone in the community is in on it. I have been in this community for 31 years and I have never seen so much cooperation and togetherness—it's a thing of beauty to behold.

For instance, LaKish's auction raised over \$1000. Lady Cathay's kitchen (held at the Merc) raised over \$100. Patrick's show at the Western brought in over \$200 and there are more projects in the works as I write. Another instance, two of our beautiful florists in our community—Jim Maxwell and Michael's Flowers—are working together for the first time creating this float. To me this is how it should be, a community working together. CGNIE Court system—take heed! Working together, get my drift? It is so much easier.

If you are planning on going down to San Francisco for the parade to watch our float in action, listen up! Ernie Brown(yours truly) is doing his annual bus trip to the parade on Sunday, June 30th. We leave the Mercantile Saloon at 9 a.m. and return at 10 p.m. Bar opens (this day only) at 7 a.m. Fare is \$21 per person. This includes cups, ice and mixes. Seats are going fast. I may have to reserve a second bus. For reservations call 447-0792 or 447-0896. It's going to be a great day so get in on the fun.

Speaking of a fun-filled day, Sacramentans are having one of their own. "Together in Pride," 1991 Lambda Freedom Fair, Sacramento's lesbian and gay pride celebration

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The nightlife here begins with the mid-afternoon tea dance and happy hours and continues into the evening offering cabaret performances, which include great female impressionists, singers, dancers and comedians. Enjoy the mini-stage productions, a concert at Town Hall or dance the night away at the many dance emporiums.

Best not to count calories while visiting Provincetown. Eateries in town are plentiful and the variety is second to none. You can choose from a candle-lit, soft music atmosphere (some with ocean view) to fast service and take-out. Many PBG-member food serving en-

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terprises offer exotic to plain; ethnic to native fare and are ready and waiting to satisfy your hungry appetites.

For shopping you will find that boutiques, shops and art galleries are plentiful. Be good to yourself...purchase an original oil painting, a glittering piece of jewelry or a smart new outfit. Bring something home to a friend or relative, choosing from a variety of clothing, gift, good and candy shops or from a multitude of art galleries.

At one time Provincetown was considered to be strictly a summer resort. The rest of the year was q-u-i-e-t, and as the saying goes, "the town rolled up its sidewalks." But not any more! Provincetown is now a year-round adventure. We are going to concentrate on what is offered from June through October in this article. So get ready to plan your trip now.

In June, Provincetown's annual Blessing of the Fleet is a weekend of festivities such as games, competitions, dinners, dances and the like - and attracts many!

Summer is in full swing in July and the town is packed with people. The Fourth of July is another red, white and blue festival marked by the town's grand parade in the morning and an even grander fireworks display that night. Interfaith/Provincetown presents "We Need Each Other", a Celebration of Our Unity and Diversity, Sunday, July 14th, and the Annual Arts & Crafts Show draws many buyers to the Bas Relief Greens behind Town Hall; and Hollywood Night, annual fund-raiser for the town's rescue Squad, attracts many hundreds of costumed participants all gussied up as their favorite stars along with an even greater number of on-lookers. So, don't miss this gala summer event.

In August, PBG's annual grand bash - Carnival Week - brightens up our days and nights from August 14th-21st. Reserve early in the year for this gala week filled with float parade, costume balls, dances, competitions, entertainment and more. The Annual Golden Gulls Awards scheduled later in August recognizes best talent in town with a program second only to the Oscars and the Emmies.

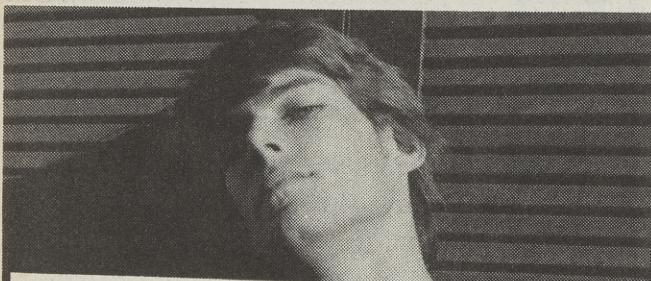
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very early in 1991, Friday, August 30th through Monday, September 2nd. Everything is less crowded now but there is still a lot going on, and this is truly a great time to unwind and enjoy a late or extended vacation. Some later-in-the-month activities such as the Fall Arts Festival and P/A/P/A Provincetown Theater productions bring us to the first day of Autumn on Sunday, September 22nd.

Sunday, October 6th is a day of major importance in Provincetown as the Proclamation of Gay & Lesbian Rights (now a state law) and the concomitant fifth national annual observance in Washington, D.C. is celebrated. Women's Innkeepers of Provincetown co-celebrate with all their patrons in their Annual Women's Weekend, October 11-13 with a schedule of sports competitions, parties, dances, etc. Members of Fantasia Fair convene for 10 days of social/educational workshops in diverse gender styles, October 14th through the 21st and Pilgrimage, sponsored by Boston's leather/denim Entre Nous, adds to the festivities October 18-20. Of course, these events only serve as a preamble to Provincetown's National Holiday - Halloween, when ghosts, goblins, devils and drags just can't wait. Neither can the town, so costume balls and contests go on the weekend before the spooky night, Oct. 25, 26 and 27th and then the big blast on Thursday, October 31st.

The fastest and easiest way to get to Provincetown, of course, is to fly - by broom, ruby slippers or magic carpet - but regularly scheduled flights on bona fide airlines are more highly recommended. Cape Air services Provincetown through Boston's Logan Airport. Plymouth & Brockton Bus Lines provide numerous buses from Logan Airport with pick-up connections at Boston's South Station (Amtrack and other rail lines; also pick-up connections for other buses at Peter Pan Bus Station) and Park Square (for Greyhound and other bus lines). These all go to Hyannis (about 1-1/2 hour's ride to your destination. The bus station in Provincetown is on MacMillan Wharf in the center of town.

You can also sail in from Boston aboard the "Provincetown" which makes a round trip daily through the summer and on weekends during autumn.

Renting a car and driving to Provincetown from Boston might be most convenient, especially for parties of several vacationers, but parking is a problem.

If you are wondering just where to unpack and unwind, guest accommodations are provided by over 65 PBG member businesses that offer a wide variety of guest houses, hotels and motels. These facilities provide an interesting array of accommodations in terms of period architecture, services, location and price range. You can select something intimate and quiet, large and bustling, simple or elegant.

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Congratulations to the Townhouse on your second anniversary. Your celebration was a hoot. The PATLAR wishes you continued success. Happy Birthday to Emperor Paul (Merc) and Randy Hiatt (Merc and Townhouse)—you are still in there. Remember, we do not count a man's years until he has nothing else to count. You are not old yet. The sign of old age is when you extoll the past at the expense of the present.

Townhouse's Gemini party is Sunday, June 10th. Sign up now for a fun-filled afternoon starting at 3 p.m.. Watch out for the Townhouse booth at the Lambda Fair—ribs, chicken, watermelon, the works.

It's here again, Art Attack 2. Art exhibition (upstairs Townhouse) of art donated by several artists will be auctioned in July for Hope House. Reception is June 23rd at 7 p.m. for artists and donors.

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Congratulations to Stan Hadden on your



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My little pet peeve of the month

We are very fortunate in our community that we have nice, clean bars. These bars are where we meet, congregate, socialize. These bars are not battle grounds. I am so tired of going to bars trying to socialize while ducking flying stools, flying ash trays and bottles. Grow up. If you don't respect yourself, respect your fellow man around you. Respect the bartender; it's hard to pour booze with boxing gloves on. The above are not just singles, some are lovers, leave it at home. If you want to divert your energy and your aggressiveness towards something worthwhile volunteer for one of our community organizations. Try protesting the politicians that are against AB101. Do something that's positive. Tending bar used to be fun. Now it's a hazard. You know who you are. I sure do.

Try this: let our friends see the best in us and by that very fact call forth the best from us.

Check all of the bars for their schedule of events. Good luck to all of the gay softball teams. Break a leg (just kidding)!▼

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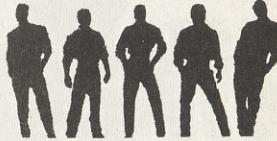
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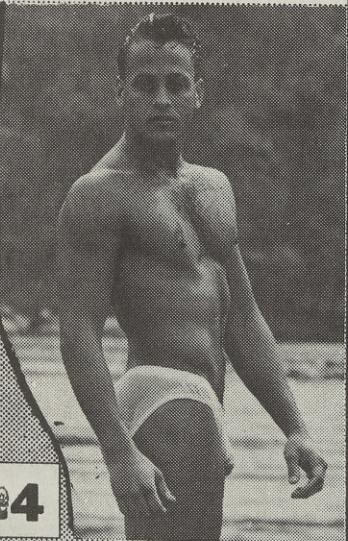
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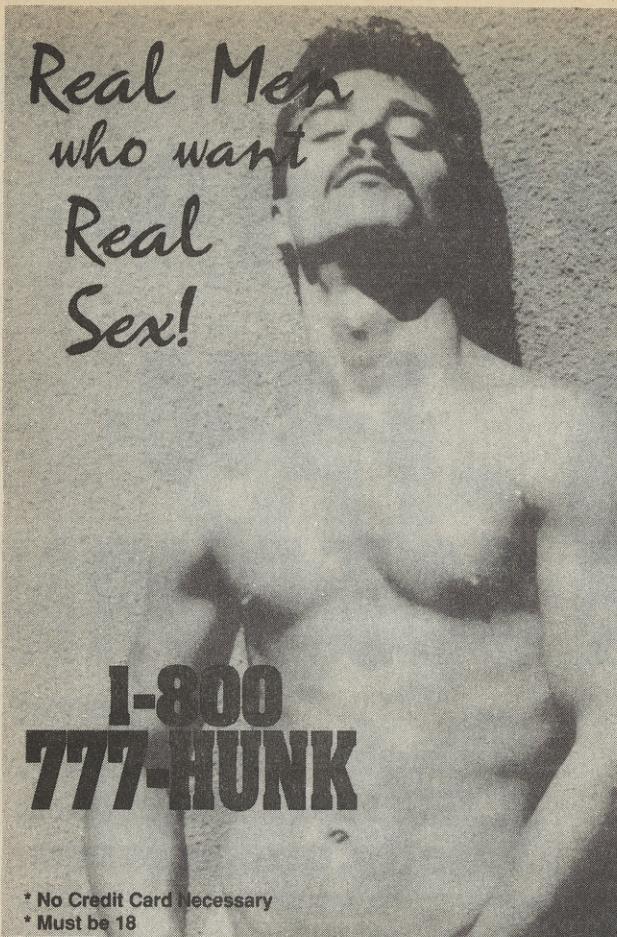
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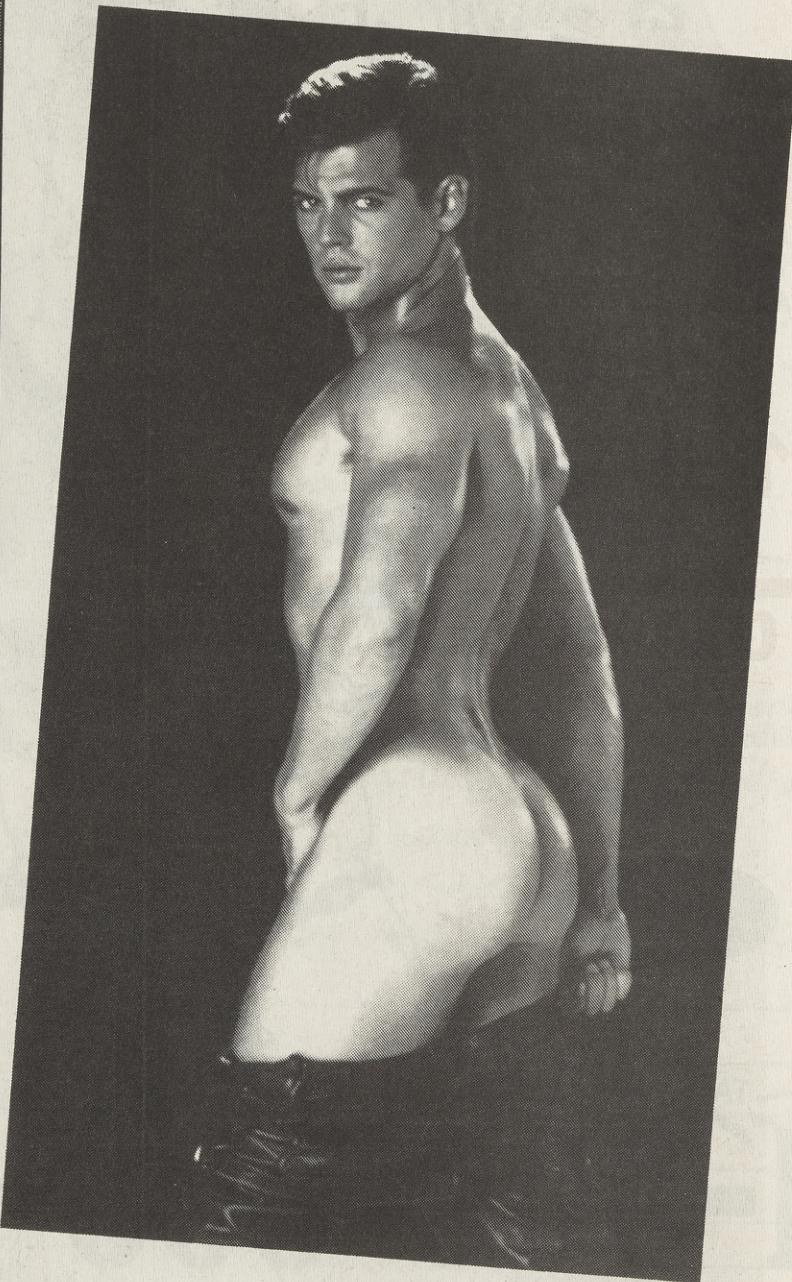
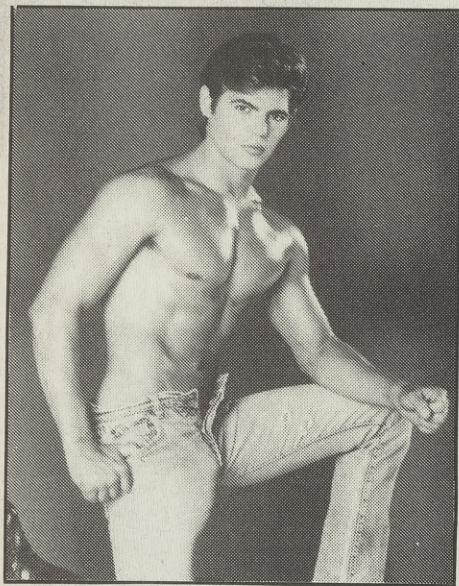
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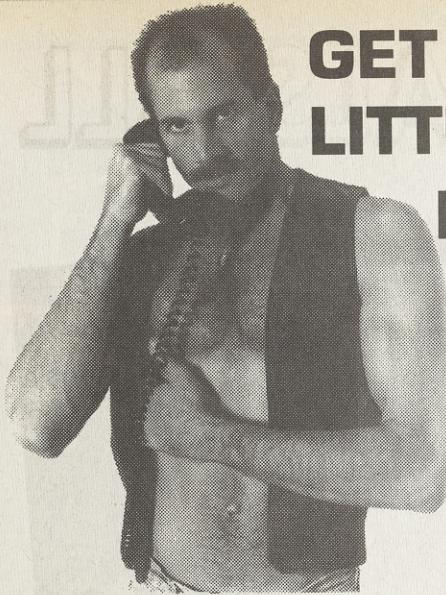
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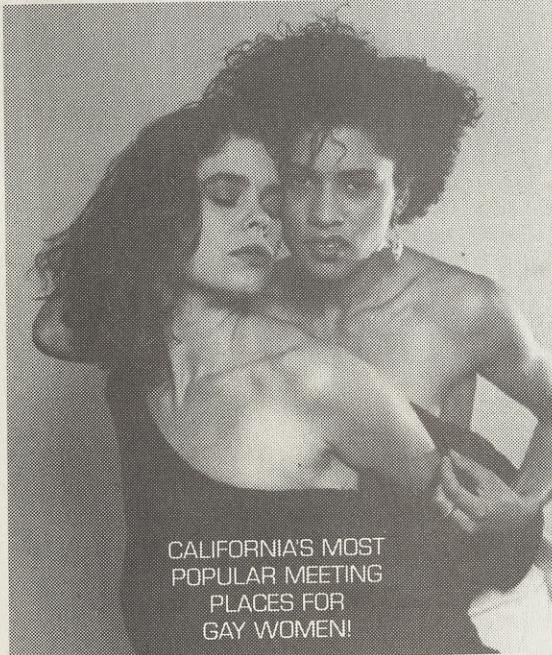


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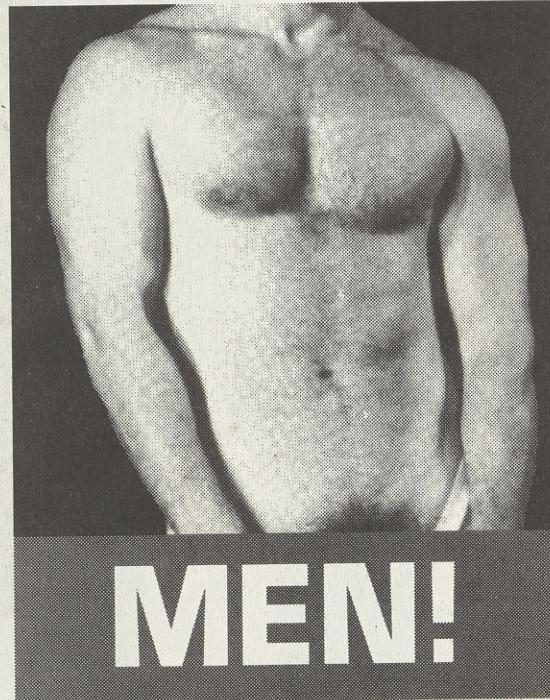
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